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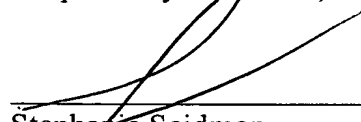
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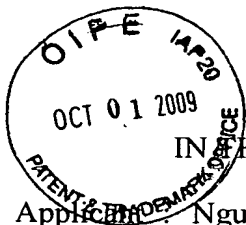
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98**

Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98.

The documents cited on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

A Copy of an Examination Report (Document 1), issued June 24, 2009, in connection with New Zealand Patent Application No. 577815, is provided. A Copy of an Examination Report (Document 2), issued September 4, 2009, in connection with Australian Patent Application No. 2003282724, is provided. A Copy of an Examination Report (Document 3), issued September 3, 2009, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03774608.8, is provided. The table below lists Documents 1-3 and includes a column that provides a space next to the documents to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

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The Examiner is requested to please review the file history of this application in PAIR. When submitting Information Disclosure Statements, the undersigned includes a transmittal letter, a paper providing information, and a Form PTO-1449. In some instances, the paper providing information includes a table with documents that require initials by the Examiner. It has just come to the attention of the undersigned that Information Disclosure Statements have been misclassified in PAIR. Also the documents have been separated such that, at best, only parts of the documents are getting to the Examiner for review. In the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements, filed on September 12, 2008, June 11, 2009, and July 10, 2009, the transmittal letter and accompanying IDS letter providing information have been classified together as transmittal letter (TRAN.LET). To address this, the undersigned is contacting the Examiner to discuss and identify documents that have not been considered.

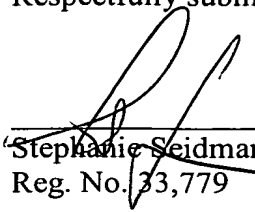
Although these documents and applications are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the documents, singly or in any combination thereof, is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

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